

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1914 - SB 1887

March 12, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL:

1. Requires the Tennessee Department of Transportation to:
 - promulgate standards for the construction or conversion of railroad grade crossings, including warning devices.
 - after July 1, 2001, review and approve all plans for construction or conversion of crossings. The department shall charge a fee sufficient to offset the cost of performing these services.
 - after July 1, 2001, inspect crossings before they can be opened to vehicular traffic.
2. Provides that provisions of the bill do not apply to railroad grade crossings constructed or converted from a private crossing to a public crossing before July 1, 2002.
3. Provides for affected railroads to remove crossings and recover cost of such removal from the party that constructed or converted the crossing if not in compliance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Less Than \$100,000/Highway Fund

Increase State Expenditures - Less Than \$100,000/Highway Fund

Estimate assumes:

- The total increase in state revenues cannot be determined but is estimated to be less than \$100,000. Estimate is based on the provision that would require the Department of Transportation to charge fees adequate to offset expenses of reviewing and approving plans for construction or conversion of railroad crossings and the inspection of the completed crossing.
- An increase in state expenditures to review plans and to inspect completed railroad crossings. The amount of increase would depend on the number of railroad crossings that would be constructed, which cannot be determined. However, the amount of such expenditures is estimated to be less than \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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